

# HEATING SYSTEM ADVISORY



**As temperatures drop, you may be tempted to restart your heating oil system. Before you do, follow these steps to ensure your safety.**

## ENSURE SAFETY

Ensure the tanks do not have holes in them before filling with heating oil. Visually inspect for pinholes or weeping. If a leak is observed and there is fuel already in the tank, the delivery personnel should remove the oil from the tank.

*\*If your tank has dislodged, do not attempt to retrieve the tank yourself. The potential for fuel leaks poses a significant safety risk.*

## CONTACT EMERGENCY SERVICES

Call your local emergency services to inform them about the situation and request assistance in securing the area if necessary.

## CONTACT HEATING OIL COMPANY

Reach out to your oil supplier immediately to report the issue and to have your system inspected by a trained professional.

**Locate local dealers - [ncoilheat.org](http://ncoilheat.org)**

## ARRANGE FOR TANK REMOVAL OR REPLACEMENT

Your oil company will likely arrange for a qualified professional to retrieve the tank and assess any potential environmental damage. A new tank may need to be installed depending on the condition of the old one.

**FOLLOW LOCAL REGULATIONS:** Depending on your location, there may be specific regulations regarding handling and reporting oil spills.

**INSURANCE COVERAGE:** Check with your insurance provider to understand what coverage you may have for a situation like this.

